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Introductory Comments

The subject application is a U.S. National Stage application that claims the priority of International Application No. PCT/FR2004/00546, filed on 8 March 2004, which claims the priority of French National Application No.: 03 03615, filed on 25 March 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application pursuant to the following:

- Amendments to the Specification, beginning on Page 2 of this paper;
- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 4 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 8 of this paper.